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# **Jobless rates rose in 94 counties from October 2006 to October 2007**

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**EDITORS NOTE:** October county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Oct07charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in 94 Kentucky counties between October 2006 and October 2007, dropped in 18 counties and remained the same in eight counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Fayette and Warren counties recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.7 percent each. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Woodford County, 3.8 percent; Jessamine County, 3.9 percent; Scott County, 4 percent; Mason County 4.1 percent; and Boone, Clark, Franklin, Madison and Robertson counties, 4.2 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 10.2 percent. It was followed by Grayson County, 9.7 percent; Harlan County, 9.1 percent; Spencer County, 9 percent; Clay County, 8.9 percent; Magoffin County, 8.7 percent; Wolfe County, 8.4 percent; Owsley County, 8.3 percent; and Menifee and Morgan counties, 7.8 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

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